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OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
REGINA DICK-ENDRIZZI, DIRECTOR

February 4, 2020

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
City Hall Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: BOS File No. 191260 – Planning Code, Zoning Map - Establishing 12 Named Neighborhood Commercial Districts.

Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: **Approve**

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On January 13, 2020 the Small Business Commission (SBC) heard BOS File No. 191260 – Planning Code, Zoning Map - Establishing 12 Named Neighborhood Commercial Districts. Amy Beinhert, Legislative aide to Supervisor Hilary Ronen, provided the SBC with an overview of the legislation. Supplemental background was provided by Audrey Merlone with the Planning Department.

The Commissioners engaged in a substantive discussion with the presenters. Questions and concerns posed centered on why these particular districts were chosen and the criteria used to select them, and concerns regarding the ability to add more restrictive land controls to these districts. Ms. Beinhert was only able to speak to districts named in District 9 and indicated the vacancy tax was a primary motivator for establishing the new District 9 NCDs. Regarding how they were specifically selected, Ms. Beinhert indicated that they were selected based on community feedback and the Supervisor's familiarity with the District. Ms. Merlone offered that while Planning Department staff didn't specifically provide feedback on the selection of these districts, they did affirm that NCD status would be appropriate.

Regarding vacancy rates in the proposed newly named NCDs, Ms. Beinhert could not share what the vacancy rates currently are for them. She shared that this measure won't change the likelihood of a vacancy occurring but, would change the strategy of addressing those vacancies should they occur.

Ultimately, the Commission voted to recommend the Ordinance as written.

Thank you for considering the Commission's recommendation and comments. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Regina Dick-Endrizzi".

Regina Dick-Endrizzi

Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Hillary Ronen, Member, Board of Supervisors
Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
Lisa Pagan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Victor Young, Clerk, Rules Committee